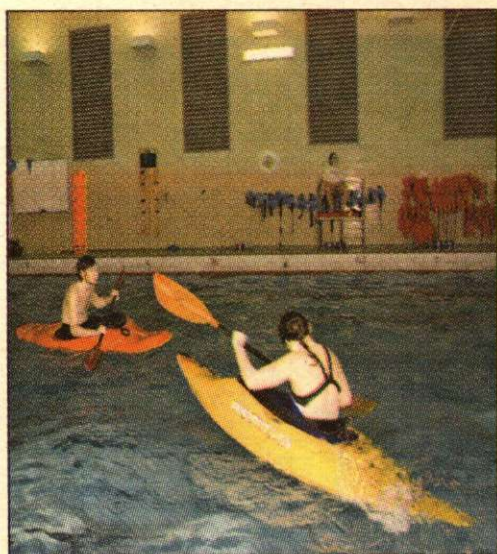


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State budget cuts still a game of wait and see for U of M system

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On Jan. 27, Governor Tim Pawlenty addressed Minnesotans and the growing \$4.8 billion state shortfall in his State of the State address.

This budget shortfall, or deficit, has taken place in the 2008-2009 biennium and will carry over to the 2010-2011 fiscal years. Predicted budget forecasts show that this number will most likely be growing, according to University of Minnesota press release from President Robert Bruinick.

State agencies, like the U of M systems, receive funding from the state government. But in these economic hardships, no one can be safe from the effects of severe budget cuts.

So, what does this mean for the U of M systems?

To help address these massive cuts, Pawlenty has issued a \$20 million unallotment from the U of M, or a one-time cut that gives that money back to the state.

However, the governor also issued a \$75.5 million recurring reduction to the 2010-2011 budget. This is on top of the already passed

\$2.5 million reduction made in 2008, according to Brunick's press release.

This means that for the next two years, \$78 million needs to be cut from the U of M budget each year.

"We've all got to look and see how we can give up money that is really already committed," said Linda Krug, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Krug said that unallotments are hard to make, but they're just one time. So when the money is gone, it's gone. But recurring cuts are tougher.

"Think of it as a paycheck. You're used to getting \$200 and now you're only getting \$150. Now you've got to learn how to live on that \$150," Krug said.

The numbers have been passed down to UMD, and administrators are working to make approximately eight percent in cuts, or \$815,000, according to Krug.

"It could get better, it could get worse. But right now it's the upper end of what we were hoping we would have to plan for," Krug said.

Making such large cuts to a budget leaves just about everything on the table as a potential cut, according to Randy Hyman, the vice chancellor of Academic Support and Student Life.

"UMD, as a part of the U of M, is obligated to carry its share of the budget challenge as well. So we are in the process of moving ahead with plans and preparations to adjust our budgets accordingly," Hyman said.

While it seems that administrators don't want to compromise the commitment to quality education, UMD will likely see another tuition increase, possible increased workloads for faculty and larger class sizes for students.

Hyman did add that there would be two things along with core academic programs that wouldn't be up for cuts: financial aid for students and funding support for the Office of Admissions.

Scott Miller, a financial aid counselor in the Office of Financial Aid and Registrar, said that paying tuition has become increasingly difficult.

"The biggest problem has been with parents and personal finance from the economy, job loss, bad credit and foreclosures. Parents are denied because of bad credit, but students need more financial aid and don't have a co-signer," said Miller.

According to Krug, tuition increases may be on the rise

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At peak hour, disabled parking spots mostly filled

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After reading the Statesman's story, "For drivers with disabilities, blue stickers are no guarantee," about Elizabeth Church-Davison's struggle finding a disabled parking spot, UMD journalism students decided to find out for themselves just how many spots were available around campus.

Using Twitter, a social networking tool, they took an inventory of all 58 disabled parking spots on campus at 10 a.m. last Thursday. They found that only seven were vacant, and of those only one was centrally located at the Weber Music Hall parking lot. The others were at outlying areas of campus like the Health Services building and the Sports and Health Center.

When asked about the student's findings, Cheryl Love with UMD's department of Parking Services said while she sympathizes with people not able to find spots, the university has no control over who parks where. The fact that there is no regulation over who comes on and off campus means that there is no way to ensure a spot for anyone, she said.

"We can't guarantee that anyone will have a spot closest to where they want to be," she said.

To view the UMD journalism student's posts to Twitter, click on this story at umd-statesman.com.

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Mock Trial team advances to National Qualifying Tournament

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Powered by Kelsey Genevich, Laura Zech, Krista Allgor, Eric Glasson, Rob Yount, Peter Zethraus and Josh Eberle, a UMD Mock Trial team will advance to the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) National Qualifying Tournament.

Eighteen teams, pooled from Minnesota and Wisconsin, competed for the honor of advancing in the tournament, so UMD's triumph was an honorable success.

The AMTA National Qualifying Tournament will be battled out at Waukegan, Illinois from March 13-15. According to a press release from the team's coach, the best teams from three regions in the Midwest have been invited to the Illinois tournament, so UMD's crew will have a steep mountain to climb come March. UMD's two teams hope to hold out for another victory so they can shoot for the American National Championship Title in Des Moines, Iowa this April.



The winning mock trial team: Kelsey Genevich, Laura Zech, Krista Allgor, Eric Glasson, Rob Yount, Peter Zethraus and Josh Eberle.

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Energy drink sales increase with more options

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For UMD students, it seems like coffee just doesn't cut it anymore.

Whether you're pulling an all-nighter studying for a test, adding a little boost to your night at the bar or just trying to avoid dozing off in class, chances are you've considered using an energy drink to get you through your day.

During the week of Feb. 8, UMD stores sold about 668 energy drinks, according to Jeffrey Romano, director of UMD stores.

This number does not include any sales from vending machines around campus that also sell a variety of energy drinks.

These beverages are popular among students despite the little information known about any health risks or benefits associated with the products.

But, if you're a college student who's familiar with late nights or struggling to stay awake, popping open a can of Rockstar or Red Bull may seem like just the boost you need.

When asked why he chooses to drink energy drinks instead of coffee, freshman Chris Irving said, "They taste a lot better, they seem

to work a lot better and they make you feel really good at first."

Irving also said that he uses the drinks for late nights.

"If I'm up late studying and I'm desperate for some energy, I'll definitely drink it. It keeps me going," he said.

What makes these energy drinks different and seemingly more effective than coffee?

The key lies in the extensive list of ingredients not present in most other caffeinated beverages, like Taurine and Guarana.

Unfortunately, these ingredients are also the reason these beverages may be more detrimental to your health.

Ingredients like Taurine and Guarana have distinctive benefits when used alone, but when combined with high doses of caffeine they are known to cause several adverse side effects including: rapid heart beat, high blood pressure, anxiety and irritability, according to the Mayo Clinic Web site.

"These products are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration and their claims are not evaluated," said Charlene Harkins, a human nutrition professor at UMD.

Not only are there potential health risks associated with energy

drinks, but college students also frequently mix beverages such as Red Bull with alcohol, as in the all-popular "Jag Bomb."

This combination can pose an entirely different set of risks.

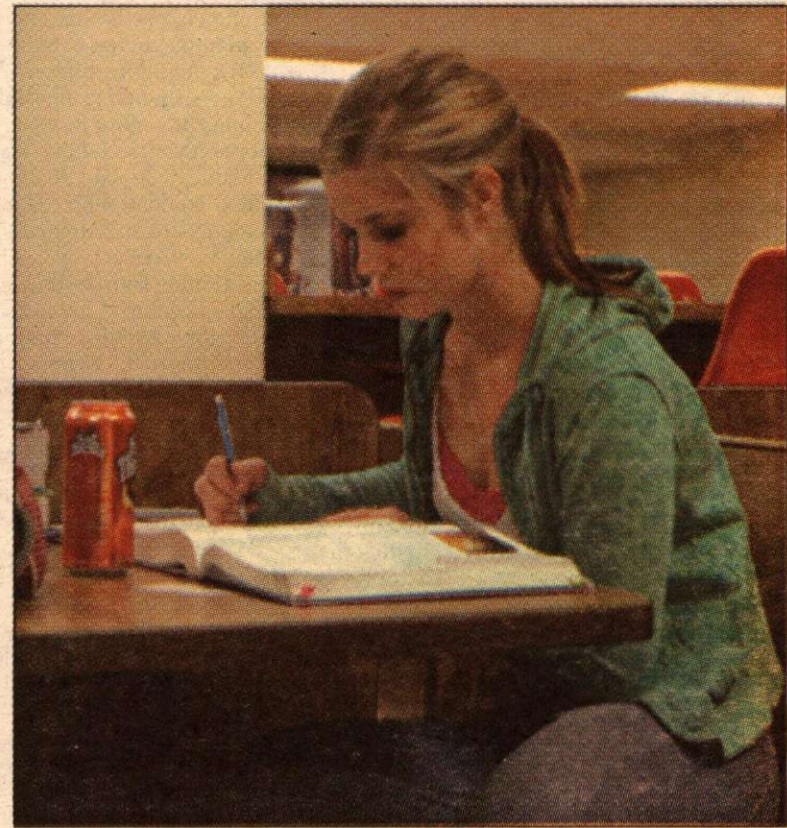
"The disadvantage of mixing energy drinks with alcohol is that both are diuretics, meaning they draw fluid away from muscle cells resulting in dehydration," said Laurretta Perry, the chemical health educator from UMD Health Services.

Perry went on to recommend that the most important thing to do is drink enough water.

"If you're going to combine the two, it is important that you are drinking water throughout the night to replace the fluids that you are losing," she said.

Despite the risks, it's unlikely that the popularity of these beverages at UMD is going to decrease any time soon, according to Romano.

Sales will likely increase as UMD stores introduced Red Bull into their stores a little over a month ago, providing students with more variety to choose from.



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Sophomore Beth Donarski studies while drinking a Coke Full Throttle, an energy drink sold all over campus.

UMD Prof investigates costly corrosion in Duluth harbor



JOE OLIVIERI / STATESMAN

Ships docked in Duluth Harbor.

Microorganisms in the Duluth-Superior harbor may be eating away millions of dollars, report said

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According to a special report prepared for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, sheet steel piling in Duluth-Superior Harbor (DSH) is reported to be corroding at an accelerating rate.

This phenomenon may have begun during the 1970s. The accelerated corrosion is characterized by deep pitting into the steel that may compromise the lifespan of the structures. As declared in the report: "The owners are facing an expensive problem because about 13 miles of piling sheets' integrity will decrease to dangerous levels much sooner than expected. The installed

cost for replacement may be more than \$100 million."

Professor Randall E. Hicks, Ph.D., of the UMD biology department, is researching the structure, development and succession of bacterial communities associated with the unusual corrosion. He is intrigued by the possibility that a special kind of bacteria may be responsible for accelerating the rate of corrosion. These bacteria thrive on energy stored in iron, much like how plants thrive on energy from sunlight.

While Hicks said that he does not yet have conclusive evidence that iron bacteria are causing the corrosion, he said that preliminary results indicate that the corroding

steel structures are covered by complex microbial biofilms that contain bacteria of the type responsible for corrosion of steel in other environments.

"Shipping through the DSH has a \$200 million annual impact on Minnesota's economy. Solving this accelerated corrosion process will be invaluable because preliminary inspections indicate that corrosion problems similar to the one observed in the Duluth-Superior harbor may be present in other ports on the Lake Superior and possibly other Laurentian Great Lakes," Hicks said in a report submitted to the Great Lakes Maritime Research

By 2015 more UMD classes will be offered online

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In a recent State of the State address, Governor Tim Pawlenty proposed that by 2015, 25 percent of courses offered at the U of M will be taught online. With digital campuses becoming more and more prominent, UMD hopes to start offering more classes online.

According to Bob Krumwiede, who works at the Office of Continuing Education, courses taught online can be just as effective as the traditional classroom setting.

"Online classes provide flexibility for students and faculty," Krumwiede said. "It creates another access to learning."

Online courses are classes that are taught either partially or completely online by faculty at UMD. Students complete online courses by taking quizzes, participating in discussions, papers and other activities that are common in the classroom. The only difference is that it is all on a computer.

Sophomore Debbie Tusher took classes online when she was in high school and continues to take online classes at UMD. She said one of her favorite parts about taking

online classes is that she can do everything from home on her computer.

"It's definitely different," said Tusher, who is currently taking Physiological Psychology online. "It's more independent, and you rely more on yourself. I like working at home."

Krumwiede said that online classes provide a student-centered environment where students are encouraged to apply the knowledge they collect by asking questions and questioning sources they find online.

"It's become of greater and greater importance for students to find information, digest it and apply it," Krumwiede said. "The process is more interactive and student based, and that's where the learning occurs."

Right now, Krumwiede hopes that online classes will become more popular with students and faculty members who would be willing to teach online.

"We find a course that would be useful to be online like a liberal education class and encourage the faculty to do it. Sometimes teaching online can be more work than totally face to face," Krumwiede said.

Online courses are just another mode of teaching, Krumwiede said. They can be just

as personal as a classroom experience, but the methods just have to be adapted to the subject matter. Krumwiede said this doesn't work with all courses, however.

"Some classes work online while others don't," he said.

However, like all classes, there are some downsides to taking classes online. Tusher said that she sometimes gets distracted at home and people without high-speed Internet may have problems accessing some of the course material online.

"There isn't a teacher right there if you have a question, but normally you can e-mail them and they get back to you pretty quickly," Tusher said.

Tusher has deadlines that she has to meet but in some online classes, students can start working anytime.

Krumwiede said that some students who have the freedom to determine their own schedule with online classes sometimes have issues managing their time.

"There can be concerns about how many students actually complete online courses," Krumwiede said. "If we move towards a more standard format, it keeps kids at a pace and

on a regular schedule."

At UMD there are faculty members who assist teachers conducting a course via the Internet, and there are also some people who work with faculty to help them develop quality online classrooms.

Krumwiede said another advantage to an increase in online classes would be the ability to take classes from other campuses in the U of M system as long as the classes matched up with UMD.

"Theoretically, you could transfer online classes from other institutions; the process would be fundamentally the same as any transfer from other schools," Krumwiede said.

Whether a student prefers online or traditional classes, both options are readily available and the department for continuing education said they hope to offer more classes sometime soon.

For now, Tusher said she plans on taking more online classes but she still likes the traditional classroom setting.

"I like a mixture of the classes and the two different atmospheres," Tusher said.

Wallet-stealing UMD student captured after ordering pizza

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On Feb. 20, a sophomore male was charged with theft of another student's wallet.

According to Sgt. Tim LeGarde of university police, a student reported his wallet missing after playing basketball at the Sports and Health Center on Feb. 19 around 9 p.m.

"He left his gym bag on the sideline while playing basketball," LeGarde said.

The victim noticed his wallet was missing around 12 a.m. He then called his bank to cancel credit and debit cards. The bank told the victim his card had recently been used at Domino's, LeGarde said.

The victim called Domino's and was able to receive the possible suspect's phone number from them.

After retrieving the number, the suspect called university police with the information and investigation immediately followed, according to LeGarde.

"Our officers were able to use the number to track the possible suspect," LeGarde said.

According to LeGarde, officers went to the address where they found several people.

"They admitted they were at UMD earlier playing some basketball," LeGarde said.

Statements from the sophomore male provided university police enough probable cause to charge him with theft of the wallet. He was also arrested on a previous misdemeanor warrant and went to jail based on the withstanding warrant.

According to LeGarde, the wallet was recovered from the residence and given back to the owner. The only thing not recovered was \$30.

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anywhere from the already determined 4.5 percent by the U of M Board of Regents to 5.5 percent.

Krug said that administrators are trying to keep the cuts as far away from the students as possible, but added that, "we're going to have to make really difficult choices between really good things."

For now, other than preliminary planning, administrators will have to wait out the next couple of weeks for more details from the budget forecast in March.

"The March budget forecast is our next critical monitor of what is on the horizon and whatever adjustments

need to be made at that point," Hyman said.

Whether college students will soon be facing higher tuition or less class availability, it's becoming more important to ask the question: Is a degree still worth the price a student pays in loans and debt after graduation?

"I think this is a place where we have to start thinking differently about education," Krug said.

When asked if she thought education had become less of a state and national priority, Krug agreed.

"We have moved from education as a public good to education as a private good. When education is a public good, it's saying our society as a whole benefits from having an educated citizenry."

Now, with education viewed as more of a private good, Krug said universities and the federal government are less likely to be picking up the bill.

"Universities and the federal government used to support higher education much more than they do now. And who's picked it up? Why, you've picked it up," said Krug. "I think that's a tragedy."

As Minnesotans, students and citizens alike, continue to wait and see what comes from the March budget forecast, the U of M systems will ultimately be seeing a tight budget getting a little bit leaner.

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Institute.

First, researchers analyzed samples from areas of the harbor that show accelerated corrosion and compared these samples to other samples taken from less affected areas of the harbor. The results reveal that there are significant differences in microbial communities.

Second, small pieces of sheet steel called coupons were placed in metal trays at various sites in the harbor. Steel structures already at these sites showed varying levels of accelerated corrosion. After the coupons were in place for 10 months, Hicks noted that the coupons were covered by complex communities of bacteria, and that they showed some preliminary signs of the accelerated corrosion phenomenon.

Finally, Hicks and UMD graduate student, Jon Bostrom, are conducting an ongoing laboratory experiment.

"Small coupons of sheet steel are currently immersed in water in aquaria in our lab," Bostrom said, describing their experiment. "Different coupons are being subjected to different water conditions, and we are testing how these conditions affect the corrosion patterns. It's a difficult project at times, but it is very rewarding."

Hicks emphasized that while progress has been made, work from his project has not definitely shown what causes the corrosion.

"We cannot yet conclude that these bacteria are responsible for the accelerated corrosion, but this remains a distinct possibility that is still under investigation," Hicks said.

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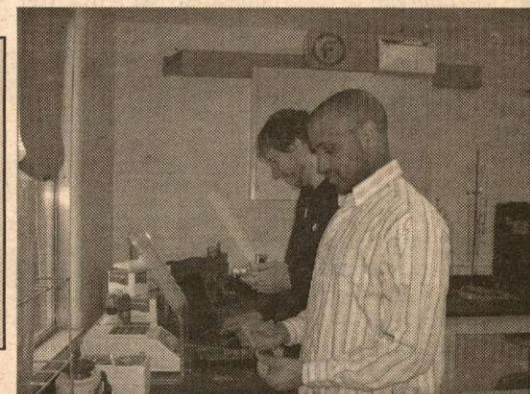
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Stage II turns up the heat with 'Hot Trash'

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Years ago, two friends embarked on a journey. It began with a rumor of a "glam-rock" party, mixed in with some out-of-date fashions and intense role-playing. This dream has become a reality and now a masterful performance.

Next week, UMD's student-run theater company, Stage II, will present a play written, directed and performed by students.

"Hot Trash" is the story of a British rock band that gets back together a decade after their lead bassist dies.

The band attempts to release a new album without their late star. However, they are lacking in talent and too caught up in drugs, egos and the rock lifestyle to really get anything done.

"It's like if Sublime got back together," said writer and director Josh Hinke, "with a rapper."

Hinke and his friend, Jake Neuman, both seniors, wrote this play together after the idea sprung up at a costume party.

Hinke is directing the play, but Neuman is often present during practice to make sure the play is going as planned.

"It is weird to direct your own writing," Hinke said, and that he was glad to have Neuman to remind him of the importance of the lines they wrote.

"It's hard to be objective when it's a new

show that no one has done before, and you've never seen the play up on its feet," he said. "Every writer hates everything they write, but Jake can see it from a writer's perspective while I'm directing. I will want to cut, change and move things, and Jake comes in and says don't."

Hinke said the hardest and easiest aspect of "Hot Trash" is the improvability of it.

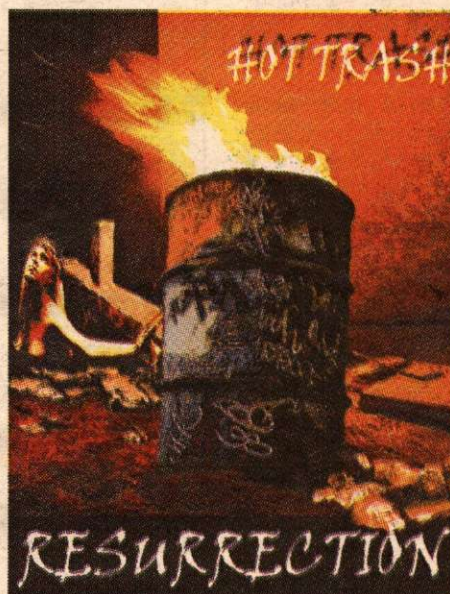
The cast has been through a unique process to settle on the finished product. The writers often rewrite scenes on the fly, and Hinke said they also encourage the actors to develop their own characters and lines through improvisation.

"I cast them because they are all great artists," Hinke said. "I didn't have to hope that they'd be able to find the characters."

Phil Jents, a junior, who will be playing the lead guitarist, Gunnar McGowan, is soaking up the opportunity to work with Hinke.

"Josh not only tolerates but encourages us to follow our impulses when it comes to changing a line or adding a line," Jents said. "There is a very fine line between us screwing around as friends and us screwing around in character, and I think our director and stage managers would agree to that."

The five other cast members are Kinsey Diment, Joe Heaney, Amanda Speare, Brandon Roberts and Kendra McMillan. For the play, their alternate personas will consist of characters like "Vixie" and "Papa



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Cap," complete with some rockin' outfits.

"Hot Trash" will be shown at the Play Ground Theatre, 11 E. Superior St., from Feb. 25-28. Shows will start at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m., and an extra performance on Feb. 28 at 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for UMD students and \$10 general admission.

FOR RENT:

Home may not
be where the
heart is

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It might not be showing in the weather yet, but spring is definitely coming, and that means it's crunch time for students to find housing for next year.

The big question for many students is whether to stay on campus or relocate to another part of the city. There are benefits and pitfalls of each choice.

Money is a major factor to consider, as well as one's emotional readiness for increased levels of independence.

The vast majority of freshmen live on campus, but as many students are entering their second year of college, they are beginning to consider possibilities off university grounds.

Jacob Thieschafer, a freshman, currently lives in a Griggs dorm, but he has his eye on Stadium Apartments for next year.

"There's more space and more options for food and a higher level of independence," he said, "and also, it would be embarrassing to live in the dorms as a sophomore."

While Thieschafer has definite plans to be living off campus by his junior year, it isn't currently an option, because he's not fully ready financially for a house in town. Also, he said, "there's not a lot of off-campus space available this late in the year."

JJ Peterson, a sophomore, identifies with this statement. He has been house hunting for the past few weeks, and the pickings are growing slim.

While he'd prefer it if a house he rents has big rooms, a nice kitchen and bathroom and a good location relative to campus for a good price, time is running out and he may have to sacrifice quality as more and more properties are removed from the market.

Peterson, who currently lives off-campus, said that he enjoys the increased space and privacy of a rental house as opposed to on-campus housing.

"And your roommates are people that you've chosen to live with instead of people assigned by the university," said Peterson.

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Heiruspecs returns to UMD on Saturday

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Back by popular demand, Heiruspecs is playing again in Duluth at UMD.

"They have been coming up here for the past two years and we are glad to have them back. They are defiantly a highlight of the year," said Late Night Kirby student manager, Paul Stommer.

Heiruspecs recently came out with a new CD this past January, according to Stommer, so show-goers will enjoy a brand new music set.

Newcomers and diehard fans alike will discover new songs from this campus favorite.

Joining them is Dessa from Doomtree as an opening act.

Likening herself to Lauryn Hill, the vocalist is one of the best in Minnesota. The new Doomtree CD has been rated by Citypages as a Top 10 of local artists.

Check out Heiruspecs on Feb. 28, at 9 p.m., in the Kirby Ballroom. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and student IDs are required. The cost is \$5 for non-students.



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The Kirby Ballroom during the Heiruspecs show last year.

HOUSING from page 6

When asked about the pros of on-campus dorms or apartments, where he lived last year, Peterson said, "you can walk anywhere you need to be. They've got a store right there, you can eat on campus."

On the down side, Peterson added, "there's not much variety to it. You don't have a lot of choices."

One added responsibility of living off-campus is dealing with landlords.

Private renters and renting companies don't have the same relationship with students or the obligations that the university has.

Peterson gave insight to his renting experiences.

"Shiprock [Property Management] is a bit unprofessional with their work. They don't go into any detail about possible problems with the house. At the place I'm living now, the paint on the walls has lead in it. They never really told us whether or not that was

hazardous when we moved in," he said.

However, according to Andy Weyrauch of Shiprock, most houses that were built before 1978 could potentially have been painted with lead-based paint.

"College students aren't typically effected by this, but two- to three-year-old infants who might ingest paint chips in a window sill," said Weyrauch.

Weyrauch also said that tenants are informed about situations like this before they sign the lease and are given disclosure information and a pamphlet on lead-based paint ahead of time.

If you haven't started thinking about your housing situation for next year yet, it's time to get started.

On-campus housing applications are due by May 1 and off-campus rental options are becoming less prevalent every day.

Tatum to 'talk about race'

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Beverly Daniel Tatum, president of Spelman College and author of "Can We Talk About Race?" will be the keynote speaker on March 30 for the "2009 Summit on Equity, Diversity and Multiculturalism" in the Kirby Student Center Ballroom.

"She's a really attractive selection as a keynote speaker," said Deborah Petersen-Perlman, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity.

According to Petersen-Perlman, Tatum is part of a video called, "Race the Power of Illusion."

She has written another book called, "Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" and has done extensive work on educational testing.

"I'm thrilled she is coming, and I think people will find her to be a very engaging speaker," Petersen-Perlman said. "I think she will be challenging."

Petersen-Perlman recognized the need to discuss these difficult issues.

"We became aware that it is an on-going concern for us to address racism and inequality issues so we started brainstorming ... what could we do to improve the climate?" said

Petersen-Perlman.

After brainstorming ideas, a range of proposals were sent out and a large number of responses came back.

"We really saw this summit as a culminating activity," Petersen-Perlman said. "I think it will certainly contribute to a greater level of awareness."

This all day event starts with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. with the keynote taking place in the Kirby Ballroom. There will be places all over first and second floor of the Kirby Student Center for everyone to participate in interactive discussions, films and workshops throughout the day.

"We'll have sort of a campus-wide conversation about race," said Joie Acheson Lee, who is the assistant director of student activities and leadership development and also the co-chair of the Diversity Commission. "We want people to be able to talk about it. The richness that comes when there is diversity around us, I mean there is nothing like it, the world is more fun."

Lee said there are a lot of different events that to promote diversity on campus.

"This year was to have two separate book discussions," Lee said.

Tim Wise's book, "White Like

Me" was held in the fall and was part of this series.

According to Lee, events like the "UMD Speak-Out," also address diversity and equity issues, where students can come and say whatever is on their mind.

Students can speak about a class, politics, or maybe even the weather.

"It's fun to hear students have a voice," she said. "It's about learning; it's about growing; it's getting to the next level personally. We just want to make sure the doors are open for everybody to read, to educate themselves, and to partake of sorts in the joy of a world that is colorful, diverse, interesting, full of mysteries, and full of possibilities."

If you'd like to attend the book discussions, they will be held in the UMD Library Rotunda on Feb. 26 at noon, March 3 at noon and April 7 at 3 p.m.

There will be three book discussions held up until the actual summit. A study guide will be available on-line to be printed off.

The summit begins at 8 a.m. and runs all day until Tatum speaks at 4 p.m. Pre-registration is on-line and admission is free.

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Last week, celebrities and fashionistas from around the country flocked to New York City's Bryant Park for the best of the best in American fashion.

A new trend for runway shows has nothing to do with clothes; it's all about the music. It is common for a DJ to be on hand, mixing tunes with models. Celeb DJ Samantha Ronson was on hand at her older sister's show, designer Charlotte Ronson.

Spotted by perezhilton.com, Sam's girlfriend, Lindsey Lohan,

was sitting in the front row checking out the collection.

So, what will Fashion Week mean for you as we clean out our closets and look ahead to spring?

It's time to head back to the basics. Gone are the days with complicated looks, flashy outfits and disposable trends. The retail industry is one of the first to be hit in this economic climate. A shift is being made to quality items that transition well from spring to summer to next year and beyond.

During an interview with TMI Weekly, designer Karen Zambos said, "I'm definitely leaning towards

a simple style." Designers like Zambos are listening to their customers and responding.

"People are still excited about buying clothes, and I want to make a great product for a lower price if I can," said Zambos.

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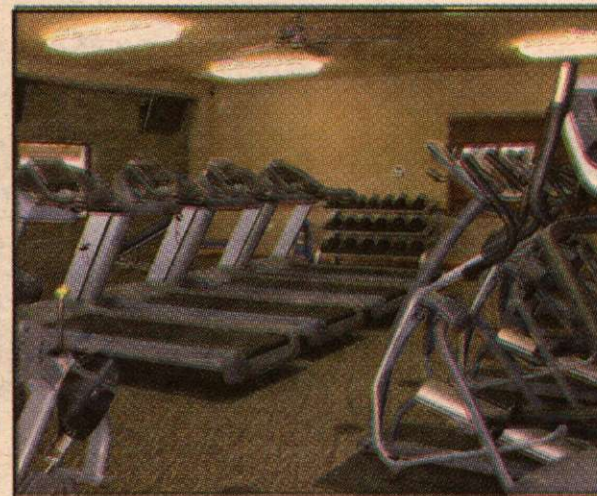
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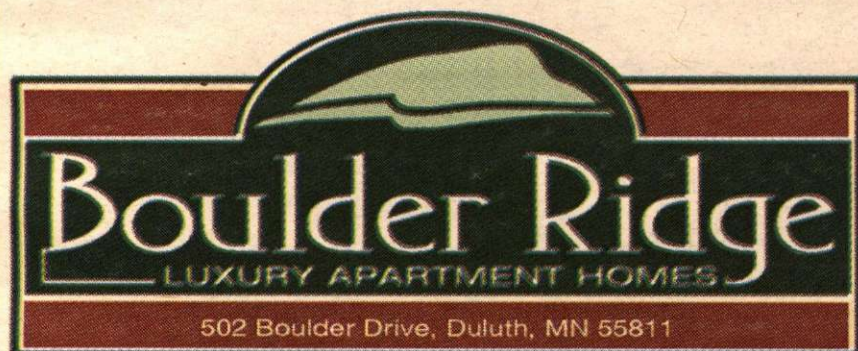
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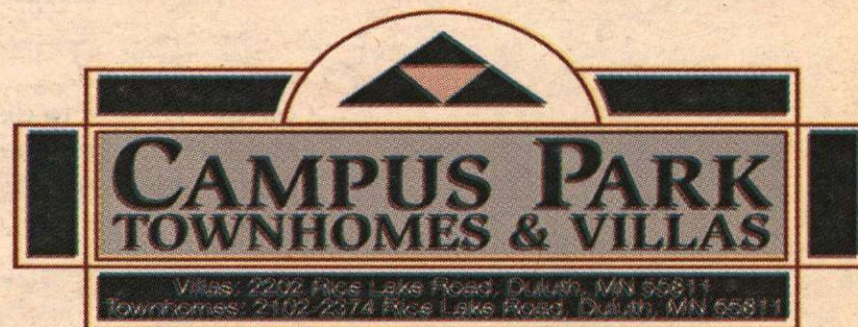
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Michael Phelps scandal a useless preoccupation

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The Michael Phelps marijuana scandal! To be honest, I, along with much of the country, couldn't care less about this young athlete's participation in "illegal" activities which frequent our college campuses. I agree with the editorial that was written two weeks ago which reminded us that these superstars we place on pedestals are still human and fall victim to the same temptations we do. There are a countless number of athletes who blatantly and ignorantly violate the simple laws we have in place, like no drinking and driving (Charles Barkley), no dog fighting (Michael Vick) and NO shooting oneself in the leg (Plaxico Burress). These all warranted legal action, but is it the same for having a photo of you with

a bong taken while you're at a college party in South Carolina?

The answer is no. The photo, which was originally published in a British newspaper, prompted the South Carolina police to take action against Phelps. Sheriff Leon Lott explained that there wasn't enough evidence to charge Phelps, according to CNN.com. How could we let such a criminal slip through the system? Easy! It is a photo of him with a bong, nothing more. I could see taking legal action if he was photographed with four kilos of cocaine and pointing his unregistered nine mm at the camera, but he's not. Instead he is standing with a piece of blown glass. The most you could get would be paraphernalia charges, maybe, but that's too frivolous for our thirst for blood. What is important is how the news outlets bombarded us with useless characters that have or at one point

had something to do with marijuana and/or Phelps.

The local police earned their 15 minutes of fame by formally stating they don't have enough information to warrant prosecution. They will never have so many cameras and microphones in front of them ever again. The only people to have benefited from this whole debacle are a small group of physiologists in South Carolina and NetFlix for having a well-placed ad on CNN and CNN.com. The rest of us were subjected to hearing Kathie Lee and Hoda explain how disappointed they were with Phelps on the "Today Show," instead of being informed of substantial news, like the situation in Darfur or the United Arab Emirates visa denial for the Israeli tennis player Shahar Perr.

I just want to point out that the Phelps situation warrants little or

no news coverage because it has little to do with the holistic. This story serves as the worst attempt to distract the mass from the fact that thousands of Americans are losing their jobs as the economic situation worsens. It's just a flash in the pan because I doubt there is going to be an asterisk next to his name in the Olympic Records, unlike Bonds (and maybe now Rodriguez). It might then not make sense that I'm even writing about this situation—especially three weeks after it occurred—but I am apparently a part of media and as a member I have to follow the strict Associated Press conduct.

Rule number one: You can force feed any useless story that can be made interesting with pictures and quotes (even if they are unrelated in any way). Rule number two: Through repetition, the audience will eventually be able to digest.

Both rules couple to form a populous that is satisfied, full and content to share what they had just been force fed with others.

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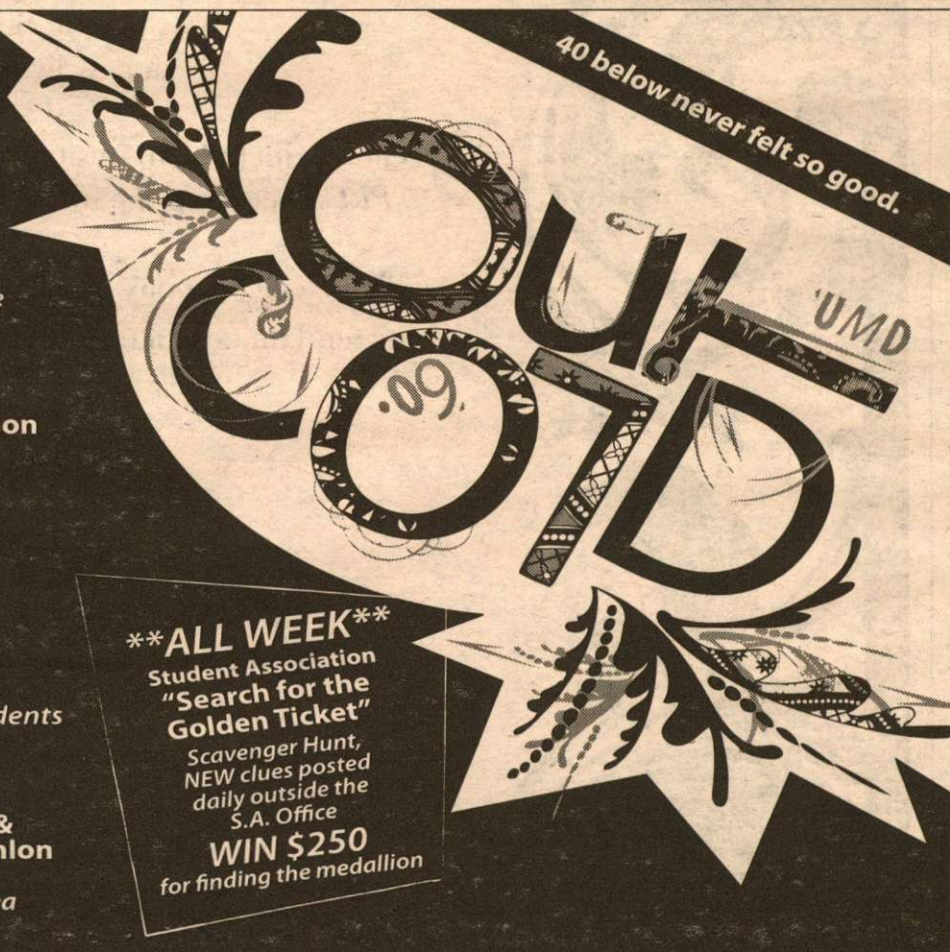
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OUR VOICE: Is a parking ramp the solution?

An article the Statesman ran last week titled, "For drivers with disabilities, blue stickers are no guarantee," reinvigorated the campus-parking debate.

When there are not enough parking spots for the disabled, those who need premium spots the most, there is an obvious issue with on campus parking. Granted, parking is not a new issue, but this just exemplifies the problem even more.

Instead of addressing the dilemma, however, the university does the opposite: construct more campus buildings causing a decrease in parking space.

Updated, state of the art campus buildings and facilities are a good thing; however, they should not come at the expense of parking space. Obviously, there is not a whole lot of room for expansion on the campus, and the new buildings need to be put somewhere, but people still need a place to park their cars.

The expanding size of the UMD campus has created a quagmire: As the campus grows and the number of students enrolled increases, the amount of parking available on campus decreases. Something seems wrong with that picture.

So what is the solution?

It seems the only logical answer is to build a parking ramp. Now granted, parking ramps are a pain, and are not the most aesthetically pleasing buildings, but these issues are minor compared to the current lack of parking space. Besides, a ramp couldn't be any uglier than the sculpture outside the Swenson Science Building or the awkwardly out of place design of the Labovitz School of Business.

At this point, it seems a ramp is the only way to solve the parking problems. There may not be any room to expand parking lots out, but there is always room to expand up.

A ramp could also help take care of the lack of parking for people with disabilities. More of the spots nearest buildings could be designated as disabled, while the ramp could serve as parking for everyone else.

At some point the University needs to address the parking situation. Otherwise, we'll show up one day and there will be literally nowhere to park.

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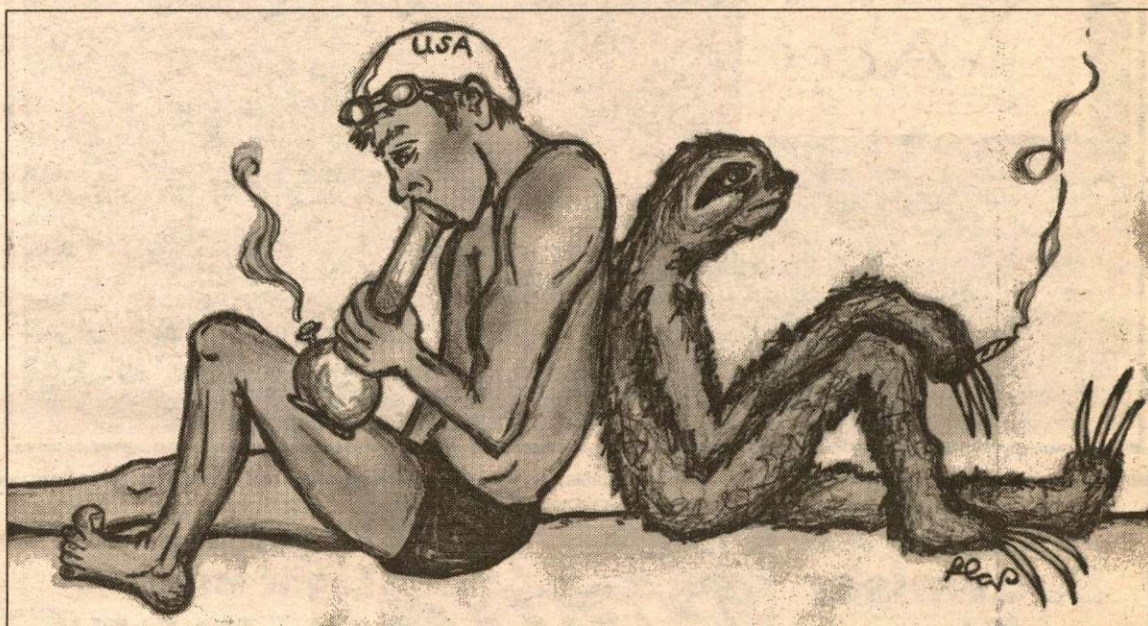
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Students maneuver their kayaks in the pool last Thursday night. Kayak classes are held every Thursday night and are free the first time you attend.

Kayak instructors make it easy for students to learn the sport

BY DAVID COWARDIN
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Sophomore Tony Nigon slid his swim clip over his nose, shifted his weight so his kayak was on edge, and then barrel-rolled in the pool last Thursday night. Nigon's movements in his kayak were smooth and seamless, making the sport appear easier than it really is.

Every Thursday night from 9 to 11 p.m., students have the opportunity to kayak in the pool under the instruction of seniors Paul Syverson and Brandon Keinath. Both Syverson and Keinath are heavily involved in the UMD Kayak and Canoe Club, so they have a good grasp on the sport. The class is free for all first-time attendants, and kayaks are provided so it's a great way for students to dip their feet in the excitement.

Keinath wasn't fully developed in the sport before coming to UMD, and now as a senior, he is fully equipped with kayaking knowledge. Teaching first-time kayakers

is a great way for him to stay close to the sport. He said it's great to be able to share his love.

"I've felt that explaining kayaking to other people helps me learn it better," Keinath said, "and it's exciting to see people get excited about it."

Instructors like Keinath make for an inviting atmosphere, so students have no need to shy away from the experience. Junior Drew Faherty has been coming to the pool on Thursday nights on a regular basis, but not only to kayak.

"I come to socialize and practice," Faherty said. "It's about having fun and making friends instead of sitting in your apartment."

Even though Faherty comes to socialize while perfecting his kayaking skills, he recommends coming to learn from the instructors before attempting to kayak on your own. There are a lot of technical aspects to the sport that Keinath and Syverson are more than happy to teach.

It's the technical aspect of the sport that drew senior Jimmy Mc-

Gee to the pool last Thursday. McGee will be going to Norway as a sea-kayaking intern this summer, so he decided to go and learn the technical side of the sport.

"I wanted to get the roll down," McGee said. Unlike Nigon, McGee is still working toward recovering from complete submersion in his kayak. It's not an easy task and it requires amazing coordination and technical skills, skills that McGee hopes to acquire from kayaking on Thursdays. His goal is likely to be met, seeing how helpful the instructors are.

"They're definitely good," McGee said, referring to the instructors. "They're easy to talk to and willing to help with anything."

Aside from the ambiance the instructors provide, kayaking in the pool is a great way to get active during the winter and prepare for kayaking outdoors in the spring.

"It's something to keep you busy," McGee said, "especially when those snow conditions suck."



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Sophomore Tony Nigon recovers from flipping his kayak.

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Wednesday, Feb. 25 KSC 273 (T.V. Room) 7pm, "I can say it, You Can't" A discussion on the 'N' word

Wednesday, Feb. 25 KSC 273B, 12 Noon, WRAC Brown Bag: Film TBA

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Monday, March 2 Weber Music Hall 7:00pm - Play: "Ain't I a Woman"

Tuesday, March 3 Women's Studies Dept. Conference Room 11 AM - 2 PM, Women's Studies Department Open House

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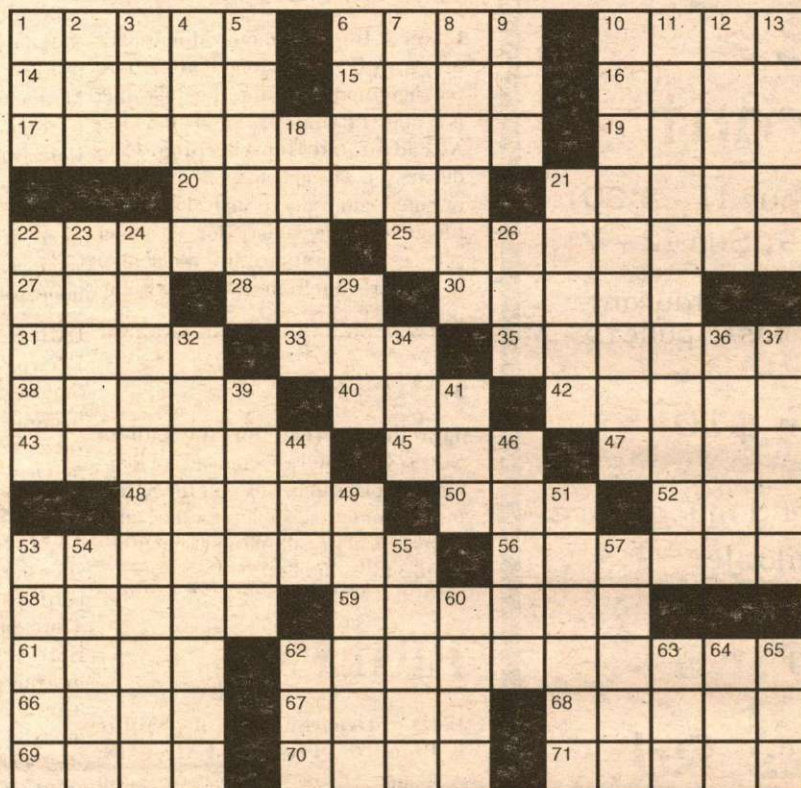
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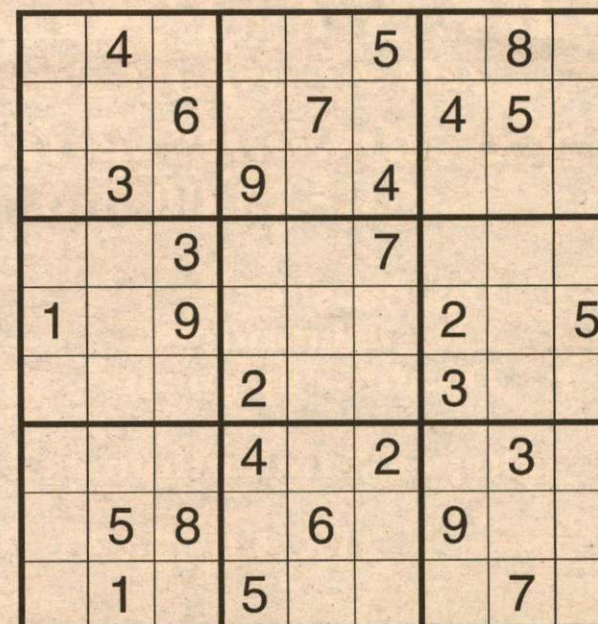
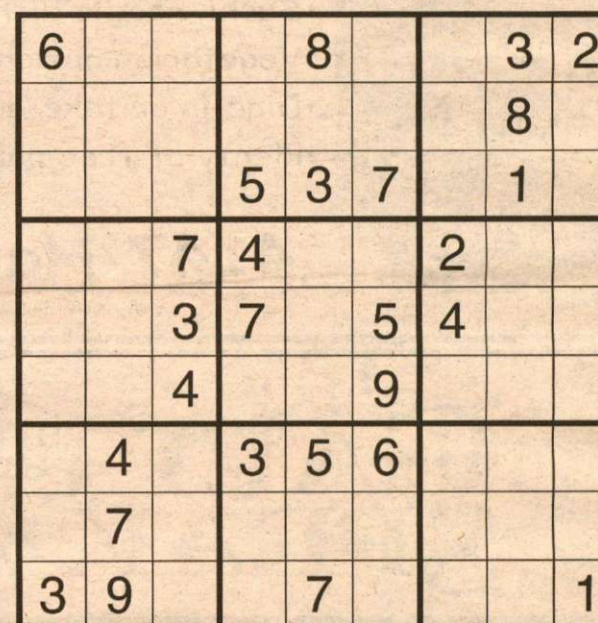
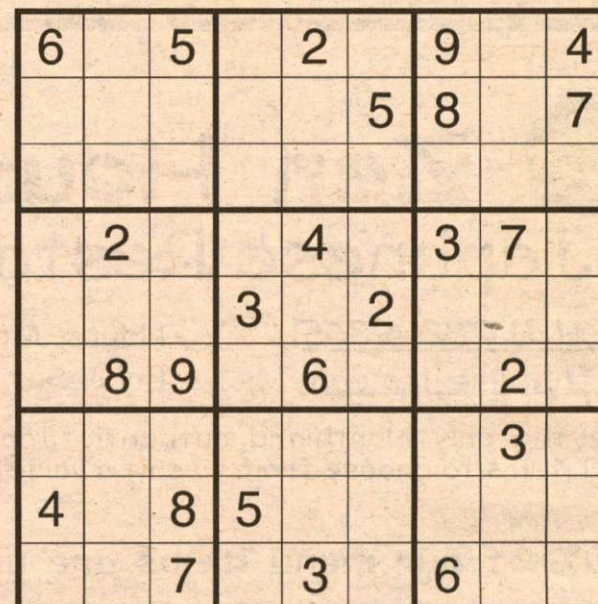
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The Average Guy



BY JARED DYRDAHL
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The other day I was walking back to my dwelling in the dorms from the workout center at RSOP when the championship banner for the UMD football team caught my eye. As I continued on my journey down the corridor, the championship tro-

phy for the UMD women's hockey from the previous season caught my eye. I stopped to look at the trophy case filled with awards and accolades collected by members of the women's hockey program and then a strange thought crossed my mind. I wondered to myself, "Why do I not remember hearing of these accomplishments during my four years at this fine academic institution?" When the football team was marching toward a national championship, it was all the buzz around the campus. Last spring, when the women's hockey team was crushing foes on their way to their national championship, it was almost like it was a secretive affair.

Continuing on my stroll, I began to contemplate this matter on a deeper level. Has the women's hockey pro-

gram spoiled us with their tradition of great play to such an extent that we just take their success for granted? Or do we, as a campus community, overlook the accomplishments of the athletic department's most successful program merely because it is a women's sport? As my mind continued to munch on this quandary, I started to lean more towards the latter option. Most fans tend to place a higher value on men's athletic achievements than on their women counterparts. The question that I began asking myself is why.

After watching sports for most of my young life, the answer seems to be pretty obvious. Male athletes tend to be bigger, stronger and faster than females in the same sport. What this translates into is a sporting event that is much faster, and in

the mind of most sports fans, "better." However, if one further scrutinizes the athletic performance of male versus female athletes, they may find that women actually possess more refined skill sets than males. The reason that male sports are viewed by society as being of higher quality is merely because of biological differences in the development of the different physical systems of the body required to play sports.

The next time you see a women's sporting event on television, stop your channel surfing for a moment and watch closely. If you pay close attention, you may actually see that women have better mechanics and skill sets than their male counterparts. It is just hard to see (and appreciate) because the end product

is not as flashy. While hockey would be a good example, the sport that I think provides the most illuminating representation is golf. If you ever have the time, watch a LPGA event and a PGA event on the same day at the same time. Compare the golf swings of the professionals on both sides of the gender gap. What you will see is that the female golf swing is much more mechanically sound and precise than the male golf swing, yet more people gravitate toward the male version of the sport because they can mash the ball 300 yards (with the ball usually landing in the rough), instead of 250 right down the center of the fairway. The golf swings of professionals on the LPGA are not only better in terms of mechanics than the swings of PGA tour members, but also in terms of quality.

My final thoughts on this subject before I put the pen to the proverbial paper to write this article is how unfortunate it is that women's sporting events are put down or downright ignored, because the end result is not as eye-catching as the male version, even though the game on the female side may be of a higher quality. The monologue in my head came full circle when I started reflecting on how sad it is that the UMD women's hockey program does not receive the same pomp and circumstance for their continued and consistent success as the football team did for one season of extraordinary achievement. Hopefully, someday soon there will be packed lounges filled with students watching the Bulldogs make their way towards another Frozen Four and a pep rally recognizing the achievements of the program as the most successful athletic team on campus.

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Another weekend of victory for men's basketball



BRANDON WESTPFAHL/UIU

Freshman Ryan Rasmussen driving to the Peacock's basket.

BY MARK WARNER
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With the time remaining in their regular season running short, the UMD men's basketball team wasted no time in jumping to an early lead in an important late-season Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) contest last Saturday.

The Bulldogs, who traveled to Fayette, Iowa to take on the Upper Iowa University (UIU) Peacocks, raced to a 10-0 lead in under three minutes to start the game. Senior captain Steve Klass, who scored eight of the 10 points during the run, underscored the significance of such a hot start.

"It's really important for us to get in a good groove early. When we get these leads, we just need to work on holding them; we can't take it easy. We've had too many lapses and haven't always done the easy stuff," he said. "Starting strong builds up our confidence and intensity."

This range of grooves was on full display Saturday.

Despite experiencing one of their "lapses" by allowing UIU to not only get back in the game, but actually lead at halftime, UMD re-grouped and walked away with a win by the second half's end with the final score 67-

58, according to the UMD Web site.

Leading UMD offensively was senior John Vaudreuil, who finished with 23 points, seven boards and attempted an absurd 19 free throws. As a team, UMD attempted 16 more shots from the charity stripe than UIU. Klass said an obvious size advantage for the Dogs played a factor here.

"Everyone knows we play an inside-out style of ball. We want to work it in and try to open the rest of the court up or get to the line," he said. "They just didn't have anybody to match up with John and we took advantage of that."

Vaudreuil was not alone in carrying the scoring load. Klass, Ron White and Brian Sykora all registered double figure scoring totals as well with 13, 12 and 11 points respectively. The Dogs had only six turnovers but made only three 3-pointers, all by Klass.

Despite all of this offensive efficiency, Klass credited the Dogs' defense for the victory.

"It just seemed we had more toughness out there; more edge. We did a really good job of making them work for everything and they only got a few easy baskets," he said of a Bulldog defense that held the Peacocks to a measly 40.8 field goal percentage.

Up next for the Bulldogs are what Klass called the most important games of the season. With only two games left in the regular season, now is the time to clinch playoff berths. As of now, the Dogs sit in a tie for fourth in the NSIC. If UMD could take possession the fourth spot, or climb higher, they would be positioned to host a conference tournament game, which would be huge.

"That's been the main goal all year. To get that home seed would be great, but we know everyone's capable of beating everyone right now. We're a tough team at home though, so that would be awesome," Klass said.

Perhaps the best-case scenario, however, involves dancing in March. If UMD can climb two more spots in the NCAA Division II Central Region rankings, they would be guaranteed a place in the national tournament field of 64. By beating Bemidji State on the road and then Augustana at home, for senior day next week, this goal could be within reach.

And just what would it be like to clinch a tournament berth on the final home game of a career Captain Klass?

"That would be a dream come true, it would be awesome. We've done all we could this year and that reward would be all we could ask for," he said.

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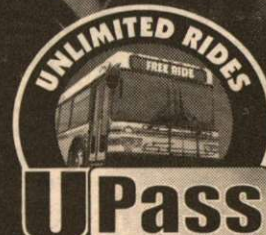
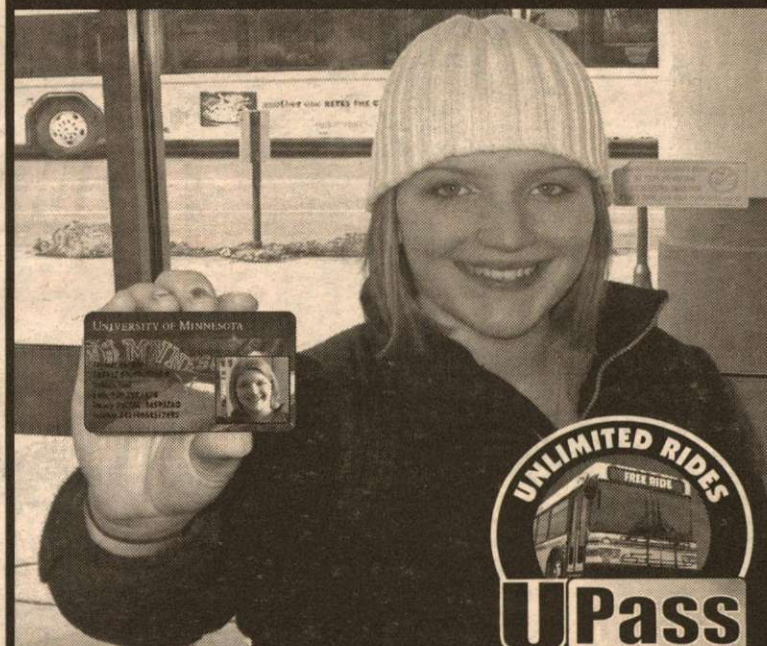


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Spring rundown

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Track & Field

UMD track and field had a very successful weekend at the St. John's/St. Ben's Invitational, which was their final tune-up before this week-end's NSIC conference meet in Bemidji.

The women's team continued their excellent season, beating out St. Ben's, Gustavus and Concordia-Moorhead. Liz Palkie and Alyssa Wendt, who last week helped UMD's distance medley relay qualify for nationals, took first and second in the 800.

Senior Maria Swanson set personal bests in both the shot put and weight throw. Swanson won the shot with a heave of 43' 7.5" and took second in the weight throw with a distance of 51' 1/4," according to the UMD Web site.

For the men, seniors Brian Ott ran a season-best 22.59 in the 200 to take first place and Eric Atkinson also won the 1000. Senior Mike Cramer also shined for the Bulldogs, prevailing in the 3000 for the Bulldogs.

Senior Jordan Bjorhus took first in the mile with a time of 4:25.93, barely edging his twin brother, Tyler, who came in second with a time of 4:27.47.

Senior captain Tom Soldner continued his excellent season by winning the weight throw and setting a personal record in the shot put while placing second.

Next weekend the Bulldogs head to Bemidji for the NSIC conference meet. Coach John Fulkrod said the women's NSIC is the toughest conference in the country and the men will have their work cut out for them as well.

Softball

UMD softball had a tough opening weekend in Colorado Springs at the RMAC-NSIC Crossover Softball Tournament. The Bulldogs went 1-1 on Friday, 1-1 on Saturday and 0-2 on Sunday to finish the tournament with a record of 2-4.

The Bulldogs outscored their opponents 45-44 on the weekend, but were plagued by their opponents' untimely rallies throughout the weekend.

Standouts for UMD include junior Kristin Danielson, who hit .444 and hit three homers while

driving in 14 runs, and sophomore Ashley Johnson, who went 12-18 on the weekend. Sophomore centerfielder Casey Moore had a career game in Saturday's 19-6 win over University of Nebraska-Kerney, going 4-4 with two homers and eight RBIs, according to the UMD Web site. The Bulldogs next game isn't until March 11, when they travel to Kissimmee, Fla. to play 14 games in the Rebel Spring Games.

Team proves they can compete at a high level

BASEBALL

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The Bulldogs went 1-3 this weekend in back-to-back double headers against Missouri Southern State in Joplin, Mo.

In the first game on Sunday, UMD was leading 6-5 going into the bottom of the fifth inning. Things unraveled quickly after that as Missouri Southern managed to put up one run to tie it in the fifth and racked up five more runs in sixth, winning by the score of 11-6.

Senior co-captain Cole Hytjan was shelled again for six runs in 4 2/3 innings. His ERA on the season is now 12.91.

A bright spot for the Dogs in the loss was junior catcher Brian Burman, who went 3-4 with two dingers while knocking in three.

In Sunday's nightcap, the Bulldogs again were plagued by the big inning. Missouri Southern had a nine-run fourth inning to blow the game wide open on the way to handing UMD a 16-6 loss.

In the weekend's third game, Missouri Southern pitcher CJ Maffe shut down the Bulldogs on the way to their third straight loss. Maffe scattered three hits and struck out six over a seven-inning complete game, as the Bulldogs fell 8-2.

UMD was able to salvage a win from the weekend Monday night, winning 7-4. The Bulldogs jumped out to an early 4-0 lead and never looked back.

Sophomore first baseman Josh Threlkeld and senior third baseman David Olson homered in the winning effort and freshman pitcher Mark Shaver picked up his

first collegiate win.

Sophomore shortstop Tyler Erickson, who won NSIC player of the week award last week, failed to stay hot. He batted 3-13 with third RBIs on the weekend.

Now 3-4 on the season, UMD faces Augustana College next at the Metrodome on March 5.

Head Coach Bob Rients wasn't happy with this weekend's results, but still maintains a positive outlook on the season.

"We have proven to be capable of competing at a high level, now the challenge is becoming consistent with our effort and handling pressure," Rients said.

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to the UMD Web site.

In the third, Sharp got his second point of the night on a power-play goal just under four minutes into the third. An unassisted shorthanded goal by fellow senior Andrew Carroll would give the Dogs a two-goal lead. The final blow was from Sharp for his third goal of the night with 42 seconds left in the game.

"Special teams gave us the edge with

Sharp getting a power-play goal early in the third and Carroll getting a shorthanded one late. [Both] gave us some insurance," Connolly said.

Saturday night's game started off the same with Michigan scoring the first goal again and with senior Michael Gergen scoring also in the first on a power play.

Another power-play goal was added in the second by senior Josh Meyers, with an assist from Connolly.

"Going into overtime we knew how important two points was and we needed to

take the play to them and push for the win. We had a couple chances but nothing came of them and it was a disappointing tie considering the tight race were in for positioning and home ice," Connolly said.

The 2-2 final score gave the Dogs a point towards the WCHA standing, which is the ultimate goal this late in the season.

Next weekend will be even more crucial for the men's hockey team as they travel to take on their arch rival, the Gophers, in Minneapolis.

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would be amazing, but we don't want to look too far ahead of ourselves because we don't want to lose sight of our first goal, the conference tournament." On Saturday, UMD did not look past anyone.

From the opening tip the Bulldogs (14-11 overall, 11-7 NSIC) showed the last-place Peacocks no mercy. After keeping their deficit relatively small through the game's opening minutes, UIU fell further and further behind as the half wore on. By the end of the first stanza, UMD had nearly doubled Upper Iowa's point total, 45-24.

Despite UIU's lack of success this year, Ostergaard said there was no looking past Saturday's challenge.

"We knew we had to come in and win this game but you can never overlook an opponent," she said. "We came out of the locker room before the game intense and ready to go. It didn't matter what team was on the other side of the court because we were focused and ready to put 40 minutes together."

For UMD, it was a pretty solid 40 minutes.

Not only did the Dogs never trail in the game, but they held nearly all major sta-

tistical advantages as well. In addition to out-rebounding UIU by 20, the Bulldogs accumulated six more assists and allowed the Peacocks to make 30.2 percent of their shots.

Paving the way for UMD offensively was junior guard Monica Mayry who led all scorers with 19 points on a sizzling eight-of-nine shooting performance. Close behind Mayry was fellow junior Jordanne Even, who pitched in 13 points while freshman Lindsay Miller led the Dogs with seven boards.

From here the focus shifts to the regular season's remaining games at Bemidji State and at home versus Augustana on senior night. Plain and simple, the Dogs know what needs to be done.

"We simply need to keep winning," Ostergaard said. "And a win over Augustana, one of the conference's top teams, I think would ensure us a good place in the confer-

ence tourney and a better ranking in the region."

If they can continue their winning ways, the Dogs stand a good chance of not only clinching a conference tourney berth, but a spot in the national dance as well; a far cry from the team that won only four games last year. Ostergaard said this year's squad is aware of the significance of such a turnaround.

"Last year to this year's attitude is a complete 180. I think the majority of us last year were ready for it to be over and this year we are excited, positive and can't wait to see how far into March we can play," she said.

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A crucial weekend for the Bulldogs

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the third to make the final a 3-2 victory for UMD.

On Saturday's game, sophomore Haley Irwin got the first goal of the night. A second period goal by senior Saara Tuominen gave UMD the two-goal lead going into what would end up being a rough and tumble third.

A scuffle behind the net started when a Sioux player knocked down Blais. After the fight that ensued in her defense, Blais would not return to the ice, according to the UMD Web site. Despite this the team was able to maintain their cool to finish out the game. And another goal with just six seconds left added by freshman Pernilla Winberg gave Duluth the shut out and the 3-0 win.

Next weekend the WCHA playoffs will be hosted at the DECC where these two teams will face off in the first round on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:07 p.m.

In their last series of the regular season, the women's hockey team traveled to North Dakota (UND) to take on the Fighting Sioux. With the WCHA playoffs scheduled for next weekend, the last matchup against a conference rival made it even more crucial for the Dogs.

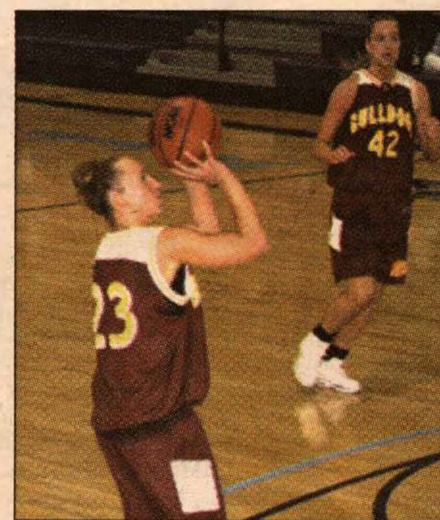
Friday night's game started off junior Emmanuel Blais scoring an unassisted goal just 1:27 into the game. Two more goals by UMD in the first from senior Myriam Trepanier and junior Jaime Rasmussen gave them the three-goal lead going into the second.

The second was punctuated by a Sioux goal to keep the game within two. Despite 22 shots on net for UMD in the second and third periods, they could not get another goal; however, UND was able to get a second goal early in



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Sophomore Haley Irwin fends off a hook by a UND defender.



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Junior Monica Mayry takes a shot against the Peacocks.

One step closer to possibility of postseason play

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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As days go by and February fades away, UMD's women's basketball team is frantically looking to gain entry into March's Big Dance. Last Saturday, playing the Upper Iowa University (UIU) Peacocks, the Dogs took one step closer to unlocking postseason opportunities.

By overwhelming UIU right out of the gates, the Bulldogs were able to pick up an essential win in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) play. After winning 68-49 over the Peacocks in Fayette Iowa, the Bulldogs jumped to sixth place in the conference standings, a crucial development in accomplishing team goals according to senior guard Venessa Ostergaard.

"Our goal from the start of the season has been the postseason conference tournament. Only eight of the teams get in so we have been working all season to get enough 'tickets' (wins) to be in that eight, she said. "A chance at the region tournament is just more icing on the cake."

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Junior goaltender Alex Stalock blocks a Huskie shot.

Bulldogs make last road trip of the season count

MEN'S HOCKEY

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The men's hockey team started off their last road trip of the season against Michigan Tech, hoping to make it count.

Friday night's game was solid all around for the Bulldogs as they got the 4-1 win against the Huskies. Michigan Tech was able to get the first goal of the game just 4:26 into the first period on a power play, after that UMD took over and regained control.

"We started off slow on Friday; coming off bye week, it was clear we were still a little rusty," said freshman Mike Connolly.

Junior Justin Fontaine scored his own power-play goal at 5:31 into the first with the help of senior MacGregor Sharp and freshman Mike Connolly. The game would stay tied through the second despite 11 shots on net from the Bulldog offense, according

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